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Letter dated 8 July 2014 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to provide, herewith, information with regard to the events of June 2014, that took place in the Governorate of Ninewa, and, in accordance with paragraph 2 of article V of the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material, information that terrorist groups have seized control of nuclear material at the sites that came out of the control of the State and specifically at the University of Mosul, as follows:

1. Uranium compounds owned by the Department of Chemistry of the College of Science at the University of Mosul, the total weight of the material is 25.716 kg.

2. Uranium compounds owned by the Department of Earth Science of the College of Science at the University of Mosul, the total weight of the material is 10.060 kg, as well as thorium compounds, with a total weight of 0.125 kg.

3. Uranium compounds owned by the Department of Chemistry of the College of Science at the University of Mosul, the total weight of the material is 3.775 kg.

The above-mentioned nuclear materials were used in very limited quantities for the purposes of study and scientific research, which is allowed, under the relevant international conventions, for States Parties, in accordance with the terms and conditions of specific commitments, foremost of which is declaration of the same to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and through formal publication of its existence, which is implemented by Iraq in accordance with IAEA regulations.

These nuclear materials, despite the limited amounts mentioned, can be used, separately or in combination with other materials, with the availability of the required expertise, by terrorist groups in their terrorist acts, or could be smuggled out of Iraq, since such materials can be used in manufacturing weapons of mass destruction.

The Republic of Iraq is notifying the international community of these dangerous developments and asking for help and the needed support to stave off the threat of the use by terrorists of such materials, in Iraq or abroad.

It would be highly appreciated if the present letter could be brought to the attention of the members of the Security Council and circulated as a document of the Council.

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